

Concordia University

Council of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Minutes of meeting 2006-03 Held

Friday, March 24, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in room EV002.184

Present: N. Esmail (Chair) B. Mackenzie
S.T. Alkass S. Mudur
R. Bhat M. Mulrennan
T. Bui R. Paknys
A.A. Bulgak C. Paradisis
M. Debbabi M. Paraschivoiu
R. Dssouli M. D. Pugh
T. Fancott L. Quesnel
T. Fevens T. Radhakrishnan
W. Ghaly A. Ramamurthy
J. Hakim (Secretary) Y. Shayan
L. Harris M. Singer
S.V. Hoa M.R. Soleymani
F. Khendek S. Tahar
C. Lam C. Trueman
W.E. Lynch

Observers: E. Katz

Regrets: B. Ashtakala L. Zack
J. Mudry

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion:

2006-03-01 **That the revised Agenda be adopted** (*R. Dssouli & M.R Soleymani*)

Vote: Carried Unanimously

2. Adoption of the minutes of Meeting 2006-01

Motion:

2006-02-02 **That the Minutes of Meeting 2006-02 (March 3, 2006) be adopted as submitted with a correction on Page 3 indicating that the “motion was defeated” in reference to Motion 2006-02-04. Furthermore, we will add that Dr. Tahar had sent his regrets.** (*R. Dssouli & C. Lam*)

3. **Chairs Remarks**

The most important thing that has happened with the council is the movement for the courses. First we made an appeal to the chairs to combat a certain number of points in our teaching assignments; one move is to be fair and equitable in the class size teaching.

Second to be sensitive to the changing in assignments in the sense that it shouldn't be the same people teaching courses over a few years, there should be movement. In general the chairs were very cooperative and everything is moving in this regard. At the same time there has been a slight change in the number of course reductions.

When we talk about teaching we're not even talking about supervision. It is quite understandable that we arrived at this stage because we are doing lecture contact and supervision and research, so these are time consuming activities. There is no doubt that the average teaching load, has gone down.

The second thing is to clear the question about Graduate Doctoral Tuition remission. This initiative was introduced by the Provost aimed at doctoral students that are on campus but not registered on the program. The idea is to enhance the package in order to attract the best students.

I would like to offer 42 fellowship remissions for Canadian residents a \$1,251 offer, and to offer five international ones at \$6,875. I think this is reasonable, but if there is anything to the contrary, please speak to Dr. Rama Bhat.

The third item is the Concordia Research chairs are coming to a phase of renewal. Those that had a five year appointment will come to fruition at the end of May. So it is the same as Canada research chairs; the same type of renewal process. At the same time, one of the chairs is already vacated, so we advertise the fact that we already have one of the chairs vacated. The same thing applies if we have a vacant position in general. The committee in charge is again the research committee.

4. **Proposal to establish a School of General Studies**

The Provost presented the proposal as outlined in (ECFC Doc. 2006-03-03)

This proposal comes out from a series of concerns over the years. One of the main issues is that Concordia has approximately six thousand students taking non credit courses as well as a number of students that are not well integrated in the academic sector of Concordia. Concordia wants to create an integrated environment where non credit students and "at risk" students, amongst others, would be better serviced. We owe it to "at risk" students to help them without compromising our academic programs or standards; and this new School proposes to do just that.

The Provost made it clear that the "failed" students would be moved administratively to the School of General Studies, but that that School would not offer its own programs, it

would offer the ENCS programs; but the students would be monitored more closely. For example, some of the students need remedial help; some can take the same courses as they did last semester but be monitored more closely. Therefore, the Provost stressed that this should not be viewed as a separate unit, but as an extension of the Faculty".

Motion:

2006-03-03 **That the document (ECFC Doc. 2006-03-03) entitled Proposal to Establish a School of General Studies at Concordia University be adopted in principle. (R. Bhat & T Fancott)**

Vote: Carried unanimously.

5. **Graduate Curriculum Proposal for the 2006-2007 Academic Year**

The Engineering and Computer Science Graduate Studies Committee approved a new slot course entitled ENGR 691 Management of Engineering Organizations as outlined in Document ECFC Doc. 2006-03-02.

Motion:

2006-03-04 **That the new slot course ENGR 691 Management of Engineering Organizations be approved. (R. Bhat, M.R. Soleymani)**

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Meeting closed at 4:18 pm